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1. The VEB Wärmetechnik Dresden has been engaged since June 1953 in manufacturing spot welding machines to Soviet order. Three heavy welding machines are turned out monthly. However, there is a shortage of electrodes which are procured [redacted] by way of Poland. The electrodes must support pressures up to 1,800 kg. The machines, which at present are delivered one by one to the Soviet Union, are intended almost altogether for use in airplane works.
2. Another item of deliveries to the Soviet Union is plastic flowmeters, of which 64 were manufactured in June 1953. They are of two sizes: one with a capacity of 1,500 liters per hour, and the other with a capacity up to 12,000 liters per hour. The VEB Wärmetechnik makes only the mechanical parts. The electrical indicating apparatus is not furnished by the plant. The valves also are delivered to the works in a finished state.
3. Until the middle of July, the plant was delivering around 600 breechblocks for field howitzers monthly to Czechoslovakia. The production is now suspended for the time being. In the plant are plastic models and plans for breechblocks that have not been put into production.
4. The VEB Wärmetechnik formerly belonged to the Siemens Works. It has since had extensive alterations. The mechanical department has been greatly enlarged so that the plant today is equipped for a more variegated production. It is equipped with modern machines, most of which are new. Most of the old machines have been dismantled and removed.

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